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IN METRO MANILA

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1. AT A TELEVISED MEETING AT KILUSANG BAGONG
LIPUNAN (KBL) CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS FEBRUARY 17,
PRESIDENT MARCOS INTRODUCED THE KBL CANDIDATES WHO WILL
CONTEST THE TWENTY-ONE SEATS ALLOTTED TO METRO MANILA.
AS EXPECTED, THE SLATE IS HEADED BY MRS. IMELDA MARCOS,
GOVERNOR OF METRO MANILA . THE OTHERS ARE:

- CARLOS ROMULO, SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
- VICENTE PATERNO, SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY
- EMILIO ABELLO, BUSINESS EXECUTIVE (MERALCO) AND
FORMER AMBASSADOR
- ARTURO TOLENTINO, FORMER SENATOR
- RONALDO ZAMORA, PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS
- ESTANISLAO ALINEA, JR., FORMER QUEZON CITY COUNCILOR
- JOSE BENGZON, RETIRED SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
- QUERUBE MAKALINTAL, FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
- JOSE CONRADO BENITEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE HUMAN

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- MANUEL A. CAMARA, BARANGAY CHAIRMAN FROM TONDO
- JANUARIO SOLLER, JR., YOUNG LAWYER
- FRED ELIZALDE, PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
- GERRY ESPINA, TV PERSONALITY AND FORMER CONCON DELEGATE

A ALEJANDRO FIDER, MAYOR OF CALOOCAN CITY

- PABLO FLORO, BUSINESSMAN
- EDDIE ILARDE, TV PERSONALITY AND FORMER SENATOR
- ROBERTO OCA, PRESIDENT OF THE TRADE UNION
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- WALDO PERFECTO, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS IMPLEMENTING TASK FORCE
- RICARDO PUNO, COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE
- ROGELIO QUIAMBAO, PRESIDENT OF THE MANILA BARANGAY
ASSOCIATION

2. MRS. MARCOS ANNOUNCED HER ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOMINATION AFTER KABATAANG BARANGAY (NATIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT) LEADERS PRESENTED PRESIDENT MARCOS WITH PETITIONS SIGNED BY ALL METRO MANILA MAYORS AND BARANGAY CHAIRMEN URGING SHE BE "DRAFTED" TO LEAD THE METRO MANILA SLATE. ONE PETITION POINTED OUT THAT, SHOULD MRS. MARCOS BE ELECTED TO THE INTERIM BATASANG PAMBANSA, ENABLING LEGISLATION COULD BE PASSED TO ALLOW HER TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS METRO MANILA GOVERNOR. WEARING A T-SHIRT EMBLAZONED WITH THE WORDS "KILUSANG BAGONG LIPUNAN," MRS. MARCOS TOLD THE GATHERING OF KBL LEADERS THAT OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS SHE HAD REFUSED OVERTURES TO BECOME A CANDIDATE, BUT WAS NOW COMPELLED TO YEILD, "SINCE I AM ONLY A SERVANT OF METRO MANILA AND WHATEVER THE CITIZENS COMMAND, I FOLLOW." SHE ADDED, "I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CAMPAIGN FOR MYSELF SO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT'S UP TO YOU WHO DRAFTED ME TO TAKE CARE OF ME."

3. THE REMAINING SLOT IN THE KBL TICKET FOR THE BICOL REGION WAS FILLED WITH INFORMATION SECRETARY FRANCISCO TATAD. IN AN APPAREENT COMPROMISE MOVE, FORMER CONGRESSMAN ANTONIO COPE WAS REPLACED ON THE BICOL TICKET BY FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOSE ALBERTO OF CATANDUANES, WHO REPORTEDLY HAD OPPOSED TATAD'S INCLUSION ON THE SLATE.

4. MEANWHILE, THE OPPOSITION LAKAS NG BAYAN (LABAN) COALITION ALSO FILLED THE LAST SLOT ON ITS TWENTY-ONE MEMBER METRO MANILA SLATE, TAPPING TEOPISTO GUINGONA, JR. GUINGONA IS A FORMER CONCON DELEGATE AND BROTHER OF LIBERAL PARTY FINANCE CHAIRMAN BEN GUINGONA. NEWSOM

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